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SUBJECT: SSOD AND VENEZUELAN INITIATIVE ON AYACUCHO

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1. ON OCCASION OF VISIT OF ANDREW J. PIERRE OF COUNCIL ON
FOREIGN RELATIONS TO LIMA, EMBOFF DISCUSSED ARMS LIMITATION AND
THE DECLARATION OF AYACUCHO WITH FONOFF DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS JOSE COZ BOTTERI AND FIRST SECRETARY
ALBERTO TAMAYO BARRIOS.

2. COZ AND TAMAYO STATED THAT PERU ENTHUSIASTICALLY
SUPPORTS THE VENEZUELAN INITIATIVE AT THE SPECIAL SESSION ON
DISARMAMENT (SSOD) TO REVIVE THE DECEMBER 9, 1974 DECLARATION
OF AYACUCHO AS AN EFFECTIVE MECHANISM FOR ARMS LIMITATION IN
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LATIN AMERICA. THEY SAID THAT AT THE SAME TIME THAT
VENEZUELAN FONDIM CONSALVI PRESENTED HIS GOVERNMENT'S PROPOSAL
TO THE SSOD, LETTERS FROM VENEZUELAN PRESIDENT PEREZ TO ALL
REPEAT ALL OF HIS LATIN AMERICAN COLLEAGUES WERE DISPATCHED,
PROPOSING A REGIONAL MEETING OF FOREIGN MINISTERS TO DISCUSS
DISARMAMENT. (IN VIEW OF THE ALL-INCLUSIVE NATURE OF THE
GOV'S INITIATIVE, IT WOULD APPEAR THAT PEREZ' PLAN IS TO GO

CONSIDERABLY BEYOND AYACUCHO.)

3. COZ SAID THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF THE AYACUCHO SIGNATORIES HAD MET INFORMALLY PRIOR TO CONSALVI'S SPEECH (LIMA PRESS MAY 28 CARRIED AP ITEM STATING THAT THE MEETING WAS HELD ON MAY 27) AND THAT THE SPEECH BY PERUVIAN UN PERM REP. ALZAMORA TRAVERSO ON MAY 30 IS PERU'S POSITIVE RESPONSE TO THE VENEZUELAN INITIATIVE. (UPI ITEM ON ALZAMORA SPEECH IN LIMA PRESS MAY 31 CONCENTRATES ON STRONG CRITICISM OF NUCLEAR POWERS AND DOES NOT MENTION A NEW, REGIONAL ARMS LIMITATION EFFORT. NEITHER DOES USUN SUMMARY IN REFTEL B.) COZ ALSO REVEALED THAT THE GOP'S RESPONSE TO THE PREZ LETTER HAS ALREADY BEEN FORMULATED, BUT PROCESSED NOT TO KNOW TIME FRAME OR LOCALE FOR PROPOSED MEETING OF FOREIGN MINISTERS.

4. OUR PERUVIAN INTERLOCUTORS APPEARED PLEASED THAT PEREZ HAD SIEZED THE INITIATIVE TO BUILD ON THE AYACUCHO ACCORD. THEY NOTED THE PURPORTEDLY HARMONIOUS TIES BETWEEN PERU AND VENEZUELA AND EMPHASIZED STRONGLY PERU'S ENTHUSIASTIC SUPPORT FOR THE PROPOSAL. CONCERN WAS EXPRESSED, HOWEVER, OVER BRAZIL'S REACTION AND HOW IT WOULD AFFECT A SERIOUS REGIONAL ARMS LIMITATION EFFORT. MUCH WAS MADE OF BRAZIL'S EXPANDING ARMS INDUSTRY IN THIS AND OTHER CONVERSATIONS SUSTAINED BY PIERRE AND EMBOFF WITH PRIVATE PERUVIANS AND PUBLIC OFFICIALS.
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